GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:801
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MALNUTRITION DUE TO FAILURE OF PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in deaths due to malnutrition on account of failure of Public Distribution System (PDS) in Maharashtra particularly in tribal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has undertaken any study to assess the reasons for the failure of PDS;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The Government of Maharashtra has reported that the PDS is functioning well in Maharashtra including in its tribal areas and there is no case of death due to malnutrition on account of failure of the Public Distribution System (PDS).

(b),(c),(d)&(e): In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.